



TRANSPORT STAYS HERE

Placed Under Orders of Dr. J. M. Holt

ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED

Dr. Holt Will Tomorrow Release Immuned and Send Them On to Vancouver

SHIP STAYS UNTIL MONDAY

Dr. Manning Ordered to Report to Dr. Holt For Temporary Duty—Smallpox Patient to be Held at Station Pending Complete Recovery.

Dr. J. M. Holt, in charge of the quarantine station here, stated to a representative of The Astorian last evening that he was preparing to dispatch a message to the authorities at Washington recommending that the transport Sherman be detained in quarantine at Astoria. It is understood that the commandant at Vancouver Barracks had already tentatively suggested that the transport be sent to San Francisco, on the grounds that the facilities for caring for the quarantined men were immeasurably better there. The decision will, of course, remain with the authorities at Washington, though it is probable they will give considerable weight to any recommendation made by Dr. Holt.

It is an unpleasant situation that the 1182 men on board the transport find themselves in. Aside from the dangers of the dread disease, there is the disappointment that all must feel over their detention here just as they arrive on their native land after a long period of service in the Philippines. The Sherman has on board the First Infantry, en route to Vancouver.

It is understood that before the vessel reached Honolulu the first case of smallpox was discovered; a naval man returning being the patient. His death followed. Later an enlisted man became ill with the disease. Upon her arrival here the Sherman was boarded by Dr. Holt and ordered in quarantine across the river. The bar pilot who took her in, Captain Swanson, is detained on board and will have to remain incommunicado for the full 14 days with the rest of the men.

There was a plentiful lack of vaccine points to be found in Astoria and Dr. Holt immediately wired for a large supply to Portland, and yesterday afternoon 1600 of the points arrived by express. Dr. Holt went over to the transport last night and the work of vaccinating the hundreds of men will be carried on with all dispatch. It's a big job and Dr. Holt is bound to be a very busy man for many hours.

"However," Dr. Holt said last evening, "it probably be found that many of the men have recently been successfully vaccinated, and in that event they probably soon will be released."

Later—Upon returning to the city last night, Dr. Holt, in conversation with a reporter of the Astorian, said that he had just received word from Washington that the transport Sherman will not be sent to San Francisco. She will remain here under his orders.

The doctor further intimated that owing to the extreme care taken by the officers of the Sherman in the handling of the cases of smallpox on

board, the scope and rigidity of the quarantine would be somewhat abated. He had received instructions from Surgeon-General Wyman, at Washington, to proceed, practically, upon his own judgment; and under this order he will release, tomorrow, such of the men as are immune and a river steamer will be sent down to transport them to Vancouver direct. The ship itself, afterward, will be thoroughly fumigated and disinfected and will probably be released and sent on to Portland by Monday next.

The patient, now on board, is making excellent progress, and will be detained at the quarantine station until complete recovery attains. Dr. Manning, of the federal hospital service, who has been doing a duty-tour in the Far East, and who is a passenger on the Sherman, has received telegraphic orders to report to Dr. Holt, for temporary duty, and will lend able service to that officer in despatching the matters now in hand at quarantine.

It is very evident that the official steps taken by Dr. Holt in this big premise, have averted the sending of the Sherman to San Francisco, and he has acted throughout with this end in view, both from a sense of professional pride in demonstrating the efficacy of the station to meet and dispose of so large and critical a matter, and a desire to spare the Columbia river section the disfigurement inseparable from any such alternative; and from beginning to end, his recommendations and judgment have been deferred to by his superiors, all of which is gratulatory matter for all concerned.

TONGUE POINT DEAL

Principals to Rumored Negotiations Now in City

STATEMENT BY MR. HAMMOND

Transaction Still Pending and May be Concluded, or it May Not—No Figures Named Nor Authorized—May Take Several Days to Determine

Apropos of the reported negotiations for the purchase of the Tongue Point Lumbering Company's plant, properties and holdings in this city and section, by A. B. Hammond and his associates, the arrival in this city yesterday, of Vice-President C. E. Hume, of the Tongue Point concern, and of Mr. A. B. Hammond, both of San Francisco, lent peculiar emphasis to the rumors already afoot, each, and all, of which lacked the essence of confirmation. And they still lack it.

A reporter for the Morning Astorian met Mr. Hammond last evening, and the whole matter, as it has been circulated here, was submitted to him, with the request that he give out for publication, such a statement as the exigencies of the case warranted, and to this he replied, in part, as follows:

"It is quite true that our people are talking of such a purchase, but it is easily understood that in a matter of such scope time and deliberation are very necessary. The negotiations were opened in San Francisco and carried to a point which justified my coming, and the making of certain specific inquiries and examinations here; hence my presence in Astoria again. But, that the matter has reached any conclusive and fiat stage, you are at a perfect liberty to deny for the time being; as well as all quotations as to figures and sums of consideration, as these are, as yet, quite beside the issue, as it pends. The deal may be closed and it may not; there are many elements that rise, to sanction, or to defeat, a consummation in matters of this importance, and as no consummation has been attained to,

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Chicago on Tip-Toe of Anticipation

PLANS ARE WELL LAID

Whole City Astir With Tumultuous Scenes Usual at the National Convention

LEADERS FINAL PREPARATIONS

Name of Ex-Governor is Latest One Brought Forth For Chairman of National Committee to Manage Campaign—Receives Much Favor.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The eve of the Republican National Convention finds Chicago on tip toe of anticipation, with the final preparations well matured for the candidate and platform. The whole city is astir with the tumultuous scenes which are usual at National Conventions band glee clubs and marching clubs in fantastic regalia parade the main streets singing "Taft," "Taft," or "Knox," "Knox," and there is a universal pandemonium.

While din proceeds without, the final preparations of the leaders proceed within. Their plans are well laid, and probably with a better precision than has ever been known before the national convention has met, and unless the unexpected happens, or the spectra of a stampede rises from its grave, the convention of 1908 will establish a record for the methodical execution of their well established plans.

In view of the reports that the senator's speech omits tribute to President Roosevelt, it is being conjectured tonight that the Senator will depart from the prepared text, but whether he does or not, the pent-up enthusiasm is sure to find a vent tomorrow.

After the preliminary gathering tomorrow, there will be a period of suspense, of practically two days during which the committee will meet and perfect the organization, so that the actual nomination of the President is not liable to occur before Thursday. The caucuses today left but little doubt that the Taft forces will be in substantial control of the organization when the full committees are assembled. Among the more important state conferences today, there were those of Ohio, New York, Indiana and Iowa and each had the perplexing question of vice-presidency. Ohio because it does not wish to dictate; New York because the advocacy of Sherman or Low might be construed as impugning the loyalty to Hughes; Iowa because the state wants Dolliver to remain where he is, in the senate, fearing the republican Hari Kari in Iowa, should he relinquish the senatorship, and Indiana because the long distance persuasion has not induced Fairbanks to change his attitude toward the first place. Early in the day it was reported that the White House favored either Dolliver or Cummins. This sent the Dolliver stock up with a bound, only to come down to the plane where it was yesterday by an announcement from the Ohio managers who are supposed to reflect Taft's wishes, and that they keep their hands off the vice-presidential subject. Moreover Chairman Perkins of the Iowa delegation and Congressman Hepburn called on ex-Governor

Herriek the chairman of the Ohio forces and told him positively, that Dolliver could not be a candidate. Just the same the question is badly complicated and it is generally admitted that there will be no solution until he is either nominated or entirely eliminated from the question.

The movement for Sherman or some other New York man is similarly connected by the decision of the delegation not to put forward the candidate for the second place until Hughes' names is eliminated from the first place.

Congressman Parsons in a sharp telegram to Hughes today called the governor's attention to the fact that the delegation is handicapped in putting forth the vice-presidential candidate and assured him that Taft would be nominated on the first ballot, and sought to draw his attention to the opportuneness of a withdrawal. Hughes replied that he saw no exigency at present which calls for his retirement.

The shift of administration to the candidacy of Dolliver or Cummins today is regarded as an outcome of the developments which showed that Sherman and not Cortelyou would get the support for the vice-presidency. Sherman is regarded by the administration as rather too conservative, and lacking the ability to carry on the whirlwind campaign, which the vice-presidential nominee will probably be expected to do.

Many of Taft's advisers are in favor of his remaining at home during the campaign. It is pointed out that there are to many dangers awaiting a presidential nominee of making a mistake of judgment during the general stumping campaign.

FAINTING BERTHA

Is Recaptured After Her Escape Saturday Night

CLEVER ROBBERY SCHEMES

Pretends to Faint and Then Robs Them Who Rush to Her Assistance—Most Troublesome Criminal in the State of Illinois.

CHICAGO, June 15.—A despatch to the Tribune from Peoria, Ill., says: Bertha Lebecke, alias "Fainting Bertha," who made her escape from the tuberculosis tent at the Bartonville Asylum at Bartonville, Saturday night, was captured in this city yesterday. Bertha was well disguised as a female drummer when arrested. She said that she intended to go to the home of her mother in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

This is the fifth time "Fainting Bertha" has escaped from her asylum guardians, and she has in addition a record for several clever disappearances from the Nevada asylum.

Bertha Lebecke, 28 years old, is conceded by the Illinois state authorities and the police to be the most troublesome criminal ever within the state.

"Fainting Bertha's" favorite scheme of robbery is to pretend that she has fainted and so well does she practice the deceit that everyone near her rushes to her assistance. While they are ministering to her apparent needs she robs them of whatever she may find in their clothes. They never suspect until they have sent her on her way recovered.

Bertha stole \$1,000 worth of goods in two days after escaping from Elgin Asylum, Dec. 25, 1906, and taking a train for Peoria.

In Peoria she robbed three stores, registering at three hotels under assumed names and escaping with the goods.

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL TANGLE

Factional Feeling in Indiana and Iowa

DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN

There Will Be a Disappointment in One or Both of the States

DIVIDED INDIANA DELEGATION

Representative of Carrolls Telephoned Chairman Perkins of the State Delegation Urging Him to Abandon Opposition to Dolliver.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The vice-presidential tangle has developed the factional feeling in Indiana and Iowa. The situation in the two states is not identical but there are republicans in both the states on both sides of the question, whether the state should bid for honor, of naming the running mate for the presidential nominee. The latest phase in the Iowa situation is the danger of Cummins following showing a lukewarm interest in the state election of Carroll as governor, if Cummins' opponents continue to bar the way to Dolliver's nomination as vice-president. The representative of Carroll's today telephoned chairman Perkins of the state delegation urging him to abandon opposition to Dolliver. This man is said to have declared it is believed, in Iowa, that Dolliver is being opposed for the vice-presidency solely because it means Cummins election to the senate.

So far as the Fairbanks matter is concerned, the majority of the Indiana delegation, desire to put forth the best effort to promote the re-nomination of Fairbanks, for the vice-presidency because they think it would help the state ticket. They urge that Fairbanks ought not to stand in the way of his being re-nominated if it would help the republican state ticket.

On the other hand, Senator Hemenway, Governor Henley, and others are holding out strongly against the suggestion that Fairbanks be withdrawn as the presidential candidate. Their idea is that the state instructed its delegates to work for Fairbanks, for presidential nomination and not for any other office. Arguments advanced by the state candidates have sharply divided the Indiana delegation. The charge is freely made that Fairbanks and his managers have no right to adopt any course which might strengthen the Republican party in the state. On the other hand, there are some members of the delegation who contend Fairbanks will stand just as good a show for the nomination for second place by remaining in the race for the first place until the convention has nominated the candidate for president.

In any event there will be a disappointment in Iowa or Indiana, and perhaps in both the States.

The national republican committee nearly made up today at the state caucuses though in some instances the delegations will not get together until tomorrow. Following are some among those chosen today:

Idaho, William E. Borah; California, George A. Knight; Montana, Thos. C. Marshall; Oregon, Ralph E. Williams; Washington, Robert L. McCormick; Alaska, L. P. Shackleford.

BASEBALL GAMES.

National League.
At Brooklyn—Rain.
At Philadelphia—Rain.
At New York—Rain.
At Boston—Boston 3, Pittsburg 5.
American League.
At Detroit—Rain.
At Chicago—Chicago 2, New York 1.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 2, Washington 1.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 10, Boston 0.

Northwest League.
At Spokane—Tacoma 7, Spokane 4.
At Salem—Seattle 0, Butte 3.

WATERS AGAIN FALLING.

KANSAS CITY, June 15.—The Missouri river has begun to fall and an end of the great flood is in sight. The Kaw river is also falling and is normal in the headwaters. The railroads are starting their trains and are landing the incoming passengers at boundary of the city.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—A. H. Lingenfelter, who today was appointed United States attorney for Idaho came to Lewiston in 1903 where he has since practiced law. Shadrock L. Hodgins, the new United States marshal is now sheriff of Ada county. He performed excellent service in connection with the Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone trials.

VICIOUS BULL DOG

Automobile's Terrible Experience May Result in His Death

BENJ. METZER, LOS ANGELES

Dog Tears Flesh Off Victim's Arm Who Entered a Barn to Procure a Hammer—Rescuers Arrive in Nick of Time.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 15.—Locked in a stable with an infuriated bull dog, which tore half the flesh from his left arm before he was beaten off by rescuers, was the terrible experience that may result in the death of Benj. Metzger who resides at 1238 West Twenty-fifth Street. Metzger was out automobile riding with his family and needing a hammer, entered the barn on the advice of a hanger, to search for one. The dog attacked him, and a man who caught the animal by the hind legs and lifted it from the floor, unwittingly aided in tearing the flesh from the victim's arm in shreds. The would-be rescuers then fled, locking the door. Metzger managed to shake off the animal long enough to crawl on to a wagon seat whence the bull dog dragged him after he had fainted. The animal would possibly have killed Metzger if help had not arrived at this juncture.

AUTOMOBILERS DROWNED.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Four were drowned tonight when an automobile carrying a pleasure party of six became unmanageable and ran off an open pier into the North River. The machine turned over in its plunge holding victims fast in their seats.

ENTERTAIN ATLANTIC FLEET.

MANILA, June 15.—The government has appropriated 100,000 pesos for the entertainment of the Atlantic fleet during its visit here. Some opposition is anticipated in the assembly but it has not developed yet.

The assembly has unanimously passed a compromise appropriation bill. The only salary reduction is the per diem of the assemblymen which has been reduced from 30 to 20 pesos.